

1. Building Envelope Guide for Houses – Part 9 Residential Construction.

Published by the Homeowner Protection Office, this guide provides many details for construction of the Rainscreens, Air-Vapour Barriers, Insulation Installation, and Flashings at exterior walls.

2. Prescription for a Healthy House.

A Practical Guide for Architects, Builders and Homeowners. The authors are Paula Baker-Laporte, Principal Architect; John C. Banta, Senior Indoor Environmental Consultant and Erica Elliott, MD specialist in environmental medicine. This book includes 15 essays by leading building biologists. An extensive resource list is also included.

3. Heating Systems for Your New Home by Richard Kadulski, MAIBC.

All types of heating systems, requirements for ventilation and air filtration are described and shown in detail.

4. Canadian Wood-Frame House Construction.

Published by CMHC based on the 2005 National Building Code. This is the second combined Imperial/Metric edition. Everything you need to know to build a house to the Canadian Code requirements.

5. The Span Book – 2004 Edition from the Canadian Wood Council.

All span tables of the 2005 National Building Code in Metric and Imperial units.

These books may be borrowed from the Building Department free of charge, but a refundable deposit is required.